ARRA Impact Survey Reporting – Due June 23
The ARRA IDEA Preschool and Flow-through Vendor/Employment Impact surveys for the fourth reporting period will be emailed to district administrators this week. Completion of the survey(s) is required for any district who has submitted either a preschool ARRA claim or flow through ARRA claim since February 17, 2009. ALL surveys must be completed and submitted electronically to DPI no later than the close of business on **June 23, 2010**. Directors should work with their local staff to ensure timely and accurate completion of the survey(s). Please send any questions regarding the survey to DPISpedARRA@dpi.wi.gov.

IDEA High Cost Special Education Aid Program – Seeking District Software Testers
The IDEA High Cost Special Education Aid program's claim process will be web-based for costs incurred during the 2009-2010 school year. The special education high cost claim program will be integrated into the IDEA budget software, which is accessible through the Special Education web portal. The goal date for software release is August 15, 2010. DPI is in the process of testing the high cost claim software, and as part of the testing phase, would like to invite any interested school districts, CESAs, or CDEBs, to test the software and provide feedback. The testing will need to be completed by mid-July. If you are interested, please send an e-mail to Rachel Zellmer at rachel.zellmer@dpi.wi.gov.

Tips for the FY 2011 IDEA Budget Software
There are two software issues that appear to be a common problem among districts working on their IDEA entitlement budgets for FY 2011:

Issue: Adding budget items, but not seeing a button to "add" the item or
Issue: Not being able to "edit" budget items that have been copied over from the previous fiscal year.

Solution: Each new year, the IDEA budget must be 'opened' for the upcoming fiscal year. Districts are responsible for opening their own fiscal year budget. To do this, look for bright red lettering across the very top of the IDEA budget menu page that says "Click Here to Add District to List of Participating Agencies." After clicking on this hyperlink, complete the process of adding your district, clicking on the "Back" button and then filling out the budget contact information for FY 2011. Once these steps have been taken, the buttons for adding, editing, and submitting budgets will be available.

Issue: Only seeing fiscal year 2011 for regular IDEA entitlement budgets.

Solution: When logging into the regular IDEA entitlement budget, the page automatically lands on the next fiscal year (FY 2011). To view budgets and claims from FY 2010, click on the year hyperlink at the top of the page. This will pull up a year table that lists links to all of the years available in the IDEA budget software.